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## **City of Mountain View Announced as Finalist for Second Year in National Gold Medal Awards in Parks and Recreation**

*Mountain View to compete for prestigious honor in the park and recreation industry*

(Mountain View, Calif.) – The [American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration](#) (AAPRA), in partnership with the [National Recreation and Park Association](#) (NRPA), is pleased to announce the City of Mountain View, through the amazing work of its Community Services Department, as a finalist for the 2017 National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management. Musco Lighting, LLC has been a proud sponsor of the Gold Medal Awards program for more than 10 years.

Founded in 1965, the Gold Medal Awards program honors communities in the U.S. that demonstrate excellence in parks and recreation through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development and agency recognition. Applications are separated into seven classes, with five classes based on population, one class for armed forces recreation and one class for state park systems awarded on odd numbered years.

The City of Mountain View Community Services Department is a finalist in the Class III category (serving populations between 75,001 and 150,000). The City is honored to be recognized for providing programs and services to the diverse community of Mountain View at our multiple facilities, athletic fields and on more than 1,000 acres of park land.

Agencies are judged on their ability to address the needs of those they serve through the collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials. The City of Mountain View Community Services Department joins three other finalists in their class that will compete for grand honors this year.

“Our department is honored and humbled to be recognized by the NRPA as a national finalist for the Gold Medal Award. We pride ourselves on providing inclusive programs to the Mountain View community so that every resident has the opportunity to enjoy our parks and recreation facilities and programs. We are very fortunate to have dedicated staff, outstanding community partners and City leadership that enable us to provide so many offerings to our residents,” said Community Services Director, J.P. de la Montaigne.

A panel of five park and recreation professionals reviewed and judged all application materials. Judges were chosen for their considerable experience and knowledge in parks and recreation on both the local and national levels. Finalists for this year will compete for Grand Plaque Award honors this summer, and the seven Grand

Plaque recipients will be announced live during the NRPA General Session at the 2017 NRPA Annual Conference in New Orleans from September 26-28.

For more information on the Gold Medal Awards, visit [www.nrpa.org/goldmedal](http://www.nrpa.org/goldmedal) or [www.aapra.org](http://www.aapra.org).

#### **ABOUT THE ORGANIZATIONS:**

**The City of Mountain View Community Services Department** is responsible for the programming and operation of the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts; for the continued development and operation of commercial and recreational activities at the City's 750-acre Shoreline At Mountain View Regional Park; for the maintenance and operation of Shoreline Golf Links and of Stevens Creek Trail; for the maintenance of City-owned parks, roadway landscaping and street trees; and for delivery of recreation programs and services that make Mountain View a better place to live now and in the future. Learn more at [www.MountainView.gov](http://www.MountainView.gov).

**The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration** is a non-profit organization founded to advance knowledge related to the administration of recreation and parks; to encourage scholarly efforts by both practitioners and educators that would enhance the practice of park and recreation administration; to promote broader public understanding of the importance of parks and recreation to the public good; and, to conduct research, publish scholarly papers and sponsor seminars related to the advancement of park and recreation administration. For more information, visit [www.aapra.org](http://www.aapra.org).

**The National Recreation and Park Association** is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of 50,000 recreation and park professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy and active lifestyles, conservation initiatives and equitable access to parks and public space. For more information, visit [www.nrpa.org](http://www.nrpa.org). For digital access to NRPA's flagship publication, *Parks & Recreation*, visit [www.parksandrecreation.org](http://www.parksandrecreation.org).

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